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TO: Members of the Estimates Production Board
FROM: Chief, D/Pub
SUBJECT: Proposal for establishing the ORE Reports series

1. D/Pub proposes that the EPB, in order to (a) provide a vehicle for the dissemination of CIA reports which are dominantly factual and non-analytic, and (b) mark a clear distinction between such reports and CIA national intelligence estimates, take the following action:
 - a. Approve the division of the present ORE Series into ORE Estimates and ORE Reports with appropriate designations and covers for each series;
 - b. Review and approve the following descriptive definitions of the two series.
2. ORE Estimates are national intelligence estimates which:
 - a. Deal with developments having a significant relationship to US national security and strategic interests;
 - b. Assess all the significant aspects of a situation or development and analyze their cumulative impact on US security;
 - c. Address themselves to the attention of the President, the members of the NSC, and the policy-planning levels of the US Government.

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- d. Make an unequivocal forecast of the maximum range consistent with the problem;
 - e. Contain no more factual information than is required for support of the analysis and estimate.
3. ORE Reports are intelligence reports which:
- a. Present factual, statistical, or technical information which relates to US security or strategic interests and is essential for the daily operations of US action and intelligence agencies;
 - b. Contain information of common concern which is either available in its entirety only to CIA or not readily available in other form;
 - c. Contain sufficient interpretation and analysis to make the information readily understandable and usable to those who are not experts in the field in question;
 - d. Contain factual or specific estimates of limited scope which follow logically from the presentation of such information.

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